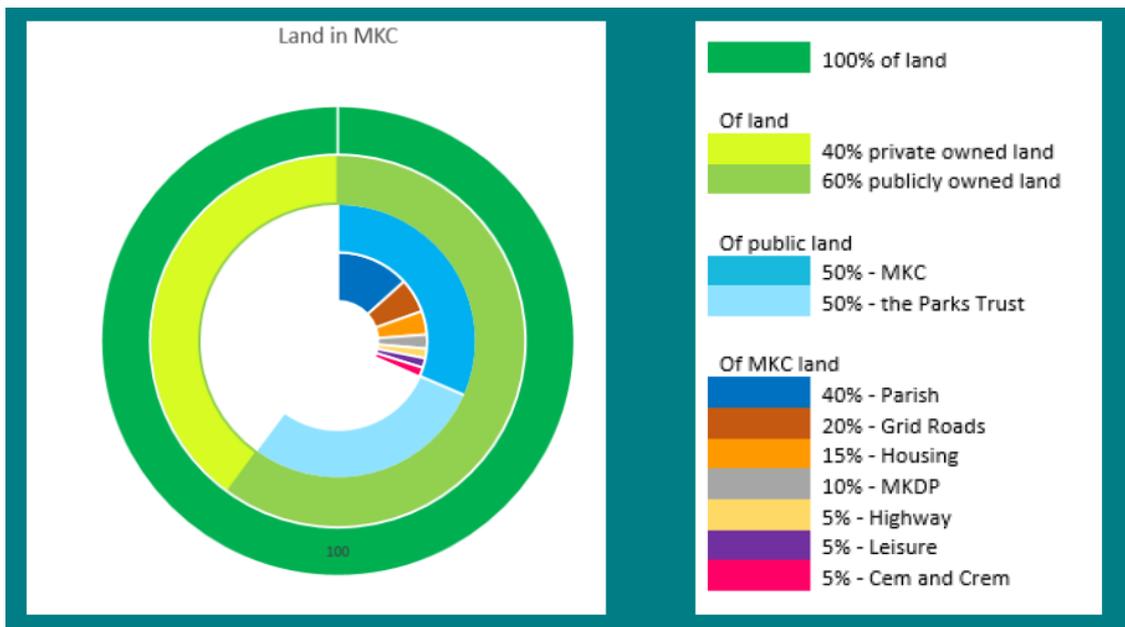


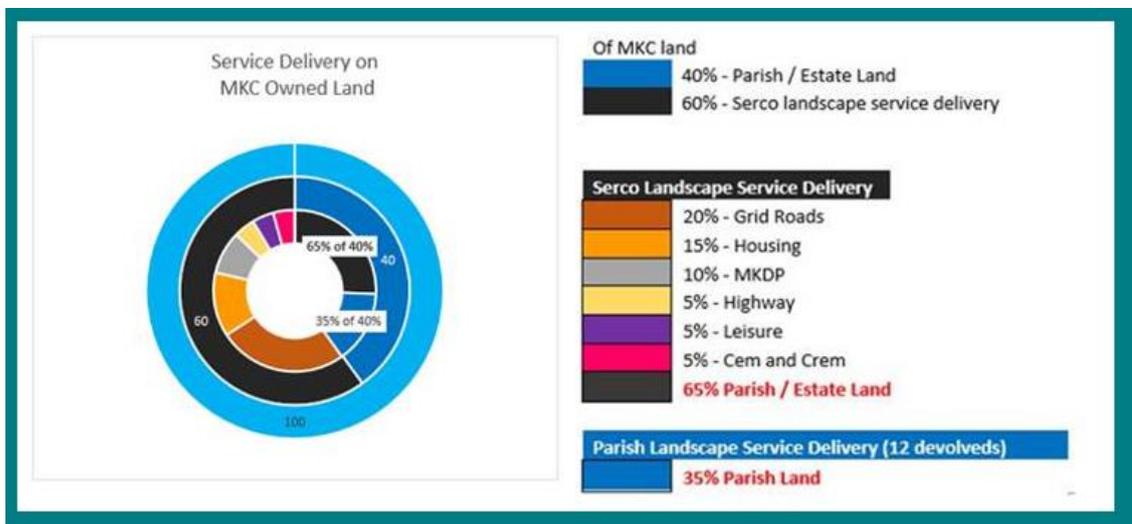
### Service Background - Landscape Management and P&TC involvement

- The Council has a duty under its landscape service to maintain land it owns and keep safe the public on public open space.
- On 18 July 2012 a report was presented to the Environment and Transport Select Committee which expanded on the catastrophic level of failure within the landscaping service for the provision of grass cutting.
- On 30 January 2013 the Council agreed to seek better value, improved service and efficiencies by going out for a competitively tendered service provision for both the Landscape Management Service and the Play Area Inspections and Maintenance Service (in two separate contracts). A saving of over £800,000 was made to the service by creating the 'Public Realm' approach to a single land management contractor for Council land and 'associated services'
- The Landscape management service includes:
  - a. grass management;
  - b. shrub management (including planting);
  - c. hedge management;
  - d. weed control (hard surfaces), including within parks, open spaces (including lake areas);
  - e. grave digging and landscape maintenance of graveyards;
  - f. cemeteries and crematorium;
  - g. sports pitches and facilities;
  - h. arboriculture services; and
  - i. work on Highways, Leisure, MKDP, Adult Social Care, Children Services, and Housing land.
- From the above list, a) to d) is termed 'parish landscape', i.e. landscaping work that has been offered out for parish and town councils to deliver under a devolution agreement. The remainder, e) to i) is termed as 'corporate landscape'.

- In 2014, Serco were awarded the Landscape Maintenance and Associated Services Contract (CU2334). Prior to the contract in 2014, P&TC's were given the opportunity to take on landscaping service delivery for 'parish landscape' in their parish area as part of the devolution program. The localised delivery model enabled P&TC's to have a delivery vehicle through which they could invest in their local areas that was linked to their tax precept. Six of the 48 P&TC's originally took up the opportunity and have delivered landscaping services since then.
- The Council pays a grant to these P&TC's equivalent to what they would receive through the corporately procured service with a contract to deliver a minimum base level specification.
- From 2014, Serco managed and delivered 'parish landscape' for the remaining 42 P&TC's as well as the 'corporate landscape'.
- In December 2017, the Council commenced engagement with the remaining 42 P&TC's to determine their interest in delivering landscaping services from 2020. During 2018, 24 P&TC's expressed an initial interest. Information including indicative funding, quantity information, maps and TUPE implications was issued to assist those 24, who were considering a devolution agreement from 2020, in coming to their decisions
- In 2019, a further 6 (from the 24 who expressed an initial interest) committed to delivering landscaping services from 2020 - 2023. Each of these six, along with the original six, signed legal agreements and commenced service delivery from 1 April 2020 under a three year agreement. A variation was made to the Landscape Maintenance and Associated Services Contract (CU2334) with Serco to reflect this.
- The chart below provides context in terms of the land in Milton Keynes.



- The chart below provides further context in terms of 'parish landscape', i.e. landscaping work that has been offered out for parish and town councils to deliver under a devolution agreement, and the 'corporate landscape' (as described in bullet point 5). You can see that currently Serco currently deliver services on all the 'corporate landscape' (60% of total of land owned by MKC) as well as 65% of the 40% 'parish landscape'.



- In addition to the 12 P&TC's who deliver the landscapes service under a devolution agreement, 4 P&TC's currently monitor the contractor's work and have a more direct relationship with them, working in a partnership to achieve the outcomes desired by Parish & Town Council. This arrangement is known as the 'Third Option' arrangement (with Option 1 originally being Serco delivering landscaping services and Option 2 being the P&TC's delivering landscaping services).

- Currently, the P&TC's involved in delivering devolved landscaping / having a direct [monitoring] relationship with Serco are:

#### **Devolved P&TC's**

1. Campbell Park PC.
2. Castlethorpe PC.
3. Hanslope PC.
4. Lavendon PC.
5. Olney TC.
6. Ravenstone PC.
7. Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe PC.
8. Sherington PC.
9. Stony Stratford TC.
10. West Bletchley Council.
11. Weston Underwood PC.
12. Woughton Community Council.

#### **Third Option P&TC's**

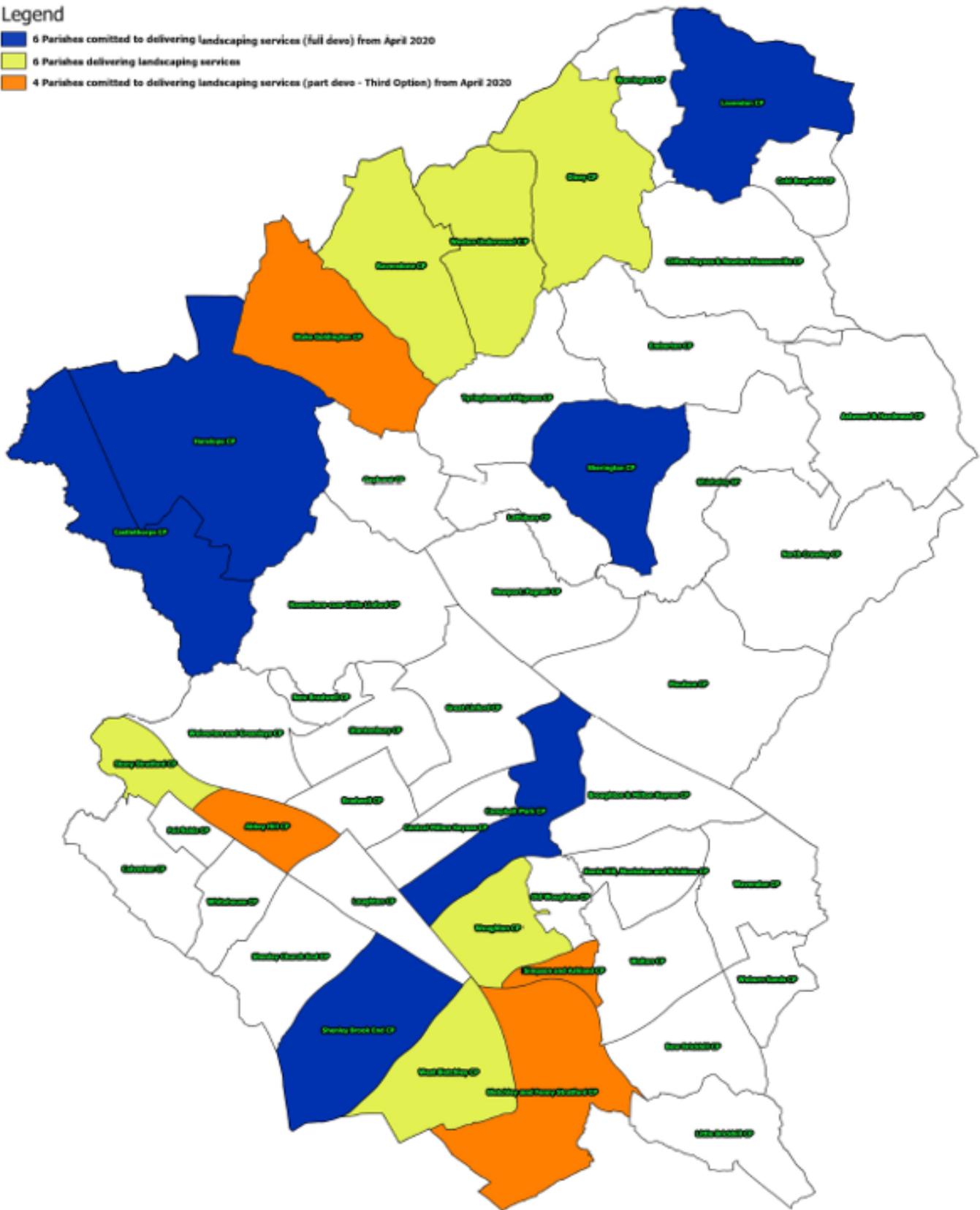
1. Abbey Hill PC.
2. Bletchley and Fenny Stratford TC.
3. Simpson and Ashland PC.
4. Stoke Goldington PC.

The map below shows:

- The original six, who commenced delivery in 2014, (known as the first generation) highlighted in yellow.
- The 'new' six, who commenced delivery from 1 April 2020 (known as the second generation) highlighted in blue.
- The four who are working under the Third Option approach highlighted in orange.

### Legend

- 6 Parishes committed to delivering landscaping services (full devo) from April 2020
- 6 Parishes delivering landscaping services
- 4 Parishes committed to delivering landscaping services (part devo - Third Option) from April 2020



Currently 25% of the P&TC's deliver landscaping services in a fully devolved manner, 33% including the Third Option (Monitoring / Partnership).